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## MODERN COTTAGES FOR RURAL TEACHERS

New Mexico to be One of the First States to Get the Benefit of This Plan When Carried Into Effect

### U. S. BUREAU OF EDUCATION HAS THE MATTER IN HAND

The biggest, most universal scheme for social service in the history of America, one affecting every hamlet in the land has been instituted by the National Lumber Manufacturers' association, in the proposal to build a home for every rural school teacher in America.

New Mexico will be one of the first states where the plan will be carried into effect, and a thorough investigation of the conditions in this state preceded the announcement of the social service plans of the lumber manufacturers. The association has not as yet formulated its plans for pushing this new department of public service by actually assisting the schools of the nation to build homes for teachers, but work on this philanthropic enterprise is already under way and the association plans to have its plans ready for announcement in a few weeks.

The plan to spread the gospel of homes for school teachers over the land was first broached only a few weeks ago at a conference of the directors of the association. It proved instantly popular. The idea was taken up by the United States Bureau of Education, and the first result of this cooperation between the lumbermen of the nation and the government itself is in the issuance of a brochure entitled "Teachers' Cottages," by R. S. Kellogg of Chicago, secretary of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association, in cooperation with the United States Bureau of Education and which is being sent to every county superintendent of schools in America. The Rockefeller Foundation has already approved of the plan and is giving \$25,000 to foster this work with more money to come.

The proposal to build these teachers' cottages all over the land follows out the idea that has already been carried into extensive success by the state of Washington.

The national association has taken up this social service work in the belief that the education of the nation will be immensely advanced if the teachers of the nation's young are properly housed. The theory is that if teachers are provided with proper homes, the country districts will be able to secure better teachers, avoid the constant changes by which the schools are always in a torn up condition. As Secretary Kellogg phrases it in his work, which constitutes a survey of the movement and its possibilities:

"Under present circumstances, the teaching of a country school often becomes simply a temporary expedient for the teacher the first term after getting a certificate, and ambitious teachers who are anxious to grow in their profession, and make something of themselves, go to the city schools just as soon as

possible, where living conditions are better. The country schools are always left with the largest proportion of young, inexperienced, poorly trained teachers.

Mr. Kellogg urges also that the teachers' cottages, or as he calls them, teacherages, should be models of sanitation, artistic, though inexpensive, and so constructed that they may be not only homes but real social centers for the rural neighborhoods.

In order to further this plan of properly caring for the teachers, the lumbermen's organization is ready to prepare plans to assist rural communities in providing their teachers with the kind of homes which have proved satisfactory in Washington and in the other more scattered localities where they have been built.

New Mexico has been selected as one of the first states for the general introduction of this idea of a teachers' cottage for every rural school, because of the special needs of this state for rural education.

"One place is trying the teacher's cottage plan this year. It is a serious problem in this State in many districts," says the U. S. Bureau of Education report.

### CAPT. HARDY SOME SHOT

Capt. A. H. Hardy gave an exhibition of fancy shooting here Monday afternoon near Kelley & Son's second hand store. A large sized crowd of men, women and children witnessed the exhibition which was for the purpose of advertising the Peters Catridge Company manufacturers of fire arms and ammunition, sold here by Kelley & Son. It is said that Capt. Hardy has been engaged by Adjutant General H. T. Herring of the New Mexico National Guard to conduct the target practice of the state militia now in camp at Columbus.

### CARRIZOZO 6; EL PASO 0

The game of base ball on the local grounds Sunday between the El Paso shop team and Carrizozo was well attended by the local fans and an interesting game was played although the score was rather one sided, being 6 to 0 in favor of Carrizozo. This is the worst drubbing that our boys have ever been able to put over on the El Paso team, but it proves one thing conclusively that our boys when given a little practice and are in proper condition are sure some ball players. El Paso's fielding was very good but the local team had them outclassed in batting. A return game will likely be played at an early date.

Rev. R. L. Day, former pastor of the local Baptist Church, but who has been engaged as a state evangelist with headquarters at Tucuman since leaving Carrizozo, stopped over here between trains Monday while en route to El Paso on a business visit.

Under Sheriff John B. Baird went to Gallup Tuesday for a witness to be used in the Kimmons murder case. He returned Friday evening.

Mrs. E. J. Shulda and children left last night for a two weeks' visit with Mr. Shulda's parents at Belleville, Kansas. From there she will go to Galesburg, Ill., where she will spend sometime visiting relatives.

J. E. Koonce, who has been in Carrizozo for the past three weeks left Monday morning for Escobedo to teach a three months' term of school, taking the place of S. R. Moss who resigned on account of ill health.

## KIMMONS TRIAL IS IN PROGRESS

Trial of John T. Kimmons Alleged Murderer of N. B. Brown Will Consume the Entire Week

### CASE GIVEN TO JURY LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

The entire week of the District Court has been taken up with the trial of the State against John T. Kimmons, who is charged with murdering Napoleon B. Brown near Corona last spring. Monday morning the jury was selected without any delay and the court has made very rapid progress with this case. The arguments were completed yesterday afternoon and the case given to the jury at 5 o'clock, but up to press hour they have been unable to reach a verdict.

The case was brought here on a change of venue from Torrance County where the killing took place.

The state is being represented by District Attorney H. B. Hamilton and is assisted by Judge W. W. Gatewood of Roswell, while the defence is being conducted by Col. Geo. W. Prichard of Santa Fe.

This case grew out of a dispute arising between Kimmons and Brown over a fence line along which the deceased had workmen chopping wood.

According to the testimony of T. W. Allen, the only eye witness to the killing, Kimmons and his wife came to the point of the killing, Mrs. Kimmons with a shot gun and her husband armed with a revolver and were talking to Allen about being over the line when Brown came up. A heated argument was engaged in and the killing followed.

In addition to Allen the state used Mr. Marble a surveyor, as a witness. A very thorough account of the details of the case leading up to the killing was given by Allen.

The defence began their case by the introduction of witnesses and plans as to the different lines in question, and especially the one in controversy between the tracts of Brown and Kimmons, after which the defendant was placed upon the stand and gave his version of the difficulties leading up to the killing and his conversation and that of Brown at the time immediately before the fatal shooting. His testimony contradicted that of the witness, Allen, in several material instances, regarding the distances of the different parties at the time of the shooting, and the positions relatively of Brown and Kimmons just before and at the time the shots were fired. Kimmons testified that the deceased, was within about three steps with the axed above his head and coming at him rapidly when he shot at a kill. Brown; and on being interrogated by his counsel as to why he shot, stated that he was afraid he would be cut down or killed by Brown with that ax, as he had it drawn and was coming at him when he fired to save himself from being killed. This plea of self-defence has been indicated throughout the

trial in the cross examination of the state's witnesses by counsel for defence; and, of course, made more forceful by direct examination of the defendant and his wife, who were also present at the time of the shooting.

The defendant's wife testified and substantiated her husband's testimony in most instances; however, being slightly different with regard to the positions and distances of the several persons at the time the shots were fired.

It is the state's contention that Brown was 16.5 feet from Kimmons when the shot was fired, and that the ax was in Brown's left hand with the blade resting upon the ground. That is so testified to by Allen, which is controverted by both the defendant and his wife, who both put Brown within 10 to 12 feet of Kimmons and both state that the ax was raised or drawn to a position above the shoulder and that he was making toward Kimmons in that attitude when Kimmons fired.

Those composing the jury are as follows: D. B. Humporey, M. A. Palmer, Manuel Gonzalez, B. J. Bonnell, Gregorio Wilson, Antonio Oter, J. C. Robinson, B. F. Goff, Pablo Salas, R. E. Berry, Jose Torres y Chavez, and G. T. McQuillen.

### SCHOOL NOTES

Hondo has completed a nine months' term and principal S. W. Kelsey and family have started to Kansas on a visit to the home folk.

Mrs. Lurlyn Lane is on her ranch home near Alto.

White Oaks nine months' term of school is also closed, Miss Lockard going to Arizona to visit. Miss McCormick has gone to her home in Illinois.

J. E. Koonce will complete Mr. Moss's term at Escobedo. Ill health caused Mr. Moss to resign.

The Capitán school and High School will close the coming Friday. An entertainment will be held in the evening.

Miss Mary C. Monroe has returned to her home in San Antonio, Texas, on the completion of a nine months' term at Escobedo.

Many entertainments were given last week by the various departments of the Carrizozo school. The hand work on exhibit in the rooms showed much neatness and skill.

Supt. McCurdy left for Silver City where he will have charge of the classes in higher mathematics in the N. M. Normal school. H. C. Franklin will enter business for the coming year. Miss Greenburg and Miss Beadle are to attend the summer term at the N. M. Normal University at Las Vegas. Mrs. Cather will go to her new home in Wyoming. Miss Peters will spend the summer with her sisters in Capitán.

The ground was broken Tuesday for a new room for the primary department of the Carrizozo school. J. N. White has the contract. This is the first unit of a new building which is to be built from the new plan of single rooms on the ground floor to open on a court. The building is on the property recently acquired between the Methodist Church and the school house.

Nicolas Peralta was awarded the contract for the new building at Richardeon.

## IMPROVEMENTS IN CO. SCHOOLS MARKED

Progressiveness of County Shown by Rapid Strides Made in Educational Affairs During the Past Five Years

### FIFTEEN NEW BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN ERECTED

There is nothing that bespeaks prosperity for a community any stronger than good schools. That Lincoln County has taken its place among the progressive school counties of the state is proven by the rapid strides taken in school affairs during the past few years. With a record of 15 buildings, 11 remodeled buildings and several planned for the summer months, Supt. Mrs. W. L. Gumm can point with pride to school achievements in Lincoln County.

Five years ago most of the schools were taught by teachers who were not qualified for their work and who secured their positions through permits granted by school authorities. That condition has changed and today there are no permit teachers in the county, while the majority of the teachers are either life or first grade teachers with a minority of second and third grade teachers.

The school month has increased from five to an average of seven and one half months; an increase of nearly 25 per cent with a corresponding increase in the number of teachers employed, while the school enrolment has shown an increase of twenty per cent.

Cooperation has been the keynote of relationship among parents, school boards and the superintendent, with the result that the county is wide awake to its needs in an educational way.

Andrew McCurdy, who has been employed as superintendent of the Carrizozo High School for the past three years and who has been re-elected for the coming school year, a man of high educational qualifications and has worked unflinchingly for the good of the schools.

A large percent of the teachers of the county will attend one or the other of the state normals, while some few have been employed on each short summer terms at different parts of the county.

It is said by those who have seen the school buildings throughout the county which have been erected in the past few years are among the better class of rural school buildings of the state, have splendid light and equipment.

In school affairs it can be seen at a glance that Lincoln County has kept pace with the best in New Mexico.

### LEFT FOR SILVER CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McCurdy left Monday evening for Silver City where Mr. McCurdy has been employed by the New Mexico Normal University to teach the classes in higher mathematics during the summer term. They will return here the latter part of August, Mr. McCurdy having been re-employed as superintendent of the Carrizozo High School for the coming year.